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State budget provides tax cuts, funding for education

The new state budget will make a very real difference in the lives of many Hoosiers. Some of the highlights include:

- Muscatatuck State Developmental Center -- \$98.8 million in funding for personnel and other operating expenses
- Public education: Statewide total formula funding increase of an average of 4.7 percent in calendar years 2000 and 2001, with minimum guarantees of funding increases of at least 2.5%. Funding was increased for both at-risk and academic honors programs. Local schools and libraries also received \$76 million in technology funding.
- CHOICE: \$5 million increase per year in funding for home health care for the elderly
- Higher education: appropriations were increased by 7.0 percent in fiscal year 2000 and 4.7 percent in 2001
- Vocational education: incentives for school corporations to provide programs in which high employment demand exists
- A new \$50 million 21st Century Research and Technology Fund that will promote high-tech industries located in Indiana
- Social services: Funding for the seriously mentally ill is increased by \$3 million in 2000 and \$6 million in 2001. MRDD programs will receive an additional \$9 million in funding.

Savings to Taxpayers

- Elimination of county welfare fund and county welfare administration funds from local property taxes (two-year savings: \$67.6 million)
- Elimination of inventory tax for 87 percent of farms and businesses (two-year savings: \$129.6 million)



Rep. Lytle works with other legislators.

Build Indiana Projects District 69

- Madison - Millenium Project -- \$50,000
- Madison - Riverfront -- \$35,000
- Civil War Memorial -- \$40,000
- Heritage Trails -- \$45,000
- Hanover park improvements -- \$40,000
- Jefferson County 4-H Board -- \$20,000
- Madison - Pearl Park --\$30,000
- Park Theatre -- \$300,000
- Milton Township Fire Department -- \$50,000
- North Vernon Municipal Airport -- \$107,000
- Vernon downtown revitalization -- \$10,000
- Jennings County 4-H Fair Board -- \$20,000
- Reddington Volunteer Fire Department -- \$12,000
- Lovett VFD -- 12,000
- Montgomery VFD -- \$12,000
- Campbell VFD-- \$12,000
- Geneva VFD-- \$12,000
- Vernon VFD -- \$12,000
- Spencer VFD -- \$12,000
- Center VFD -- \$12,000
- Canaan VFD -- \$12,000
- Deputy VFD -- \$12,000
- Dupont VFD -- \$12,000
- Hanover VFD -- \$12,000
- Kent VFD -- \$12,000
- Madison VFD -- \$12,000
- Milton VFD -- \$12,000
- Ryker's Ridge VFD -- \$12,000
- Fairplay Fire Co. #1 -- \$3,000
- Washington Fire Co. #2 -- \$3,000
- Western Fire Co. #3 --\$3,000
- Walnut St. Fire Co. #4 -- \$3,000
- North Madison Fire Co. #5 -- \$3,000
- Clifty Fire Co. #6 -- \$3,000

Department of Natural Resources Projects -- District 69

- JFD Lanier - Madison Visitors Center -- \$450,000
- Clifty Falls State Park Swimming Pool -- \$700,000
- Madison State Hospital Museum - Jefferson County Historical Society -- \$50,000

Hoosiers will save \$672 million over the next two years in tax cuts

- Homeowners: a new income tax deduction for property taxes up to \$2500
- Senior citizens: an increase in the income tax deduction from \$1000 to \$1500 and an increase in the property tax deduction for seniors from \$1000 to \$2000
- Dependent children: an increase in the income tax deduction from \$1000 to \$2500
- Small businesses and farmers: property tax “add-back” repealed so farmers and business owners can deduct the amount of their property taxes from their state income taxes

Additional \$200 million approved for Indiana roads



Rep. Lytle discusses legislation with Rep. Win Moses.

I was pleased we appropriated an additional \$200 million from the state general fund for local roads over the next two years. This is in addition to the regular funding from gas taxes. Many of you have indicated your strong desire to see us do more road improvements throughout the state.

I have included the breakdown for our district below. The amounts listed for each city are in addition to the total for the county. The amount appropriated to each city is based on the population of the city.

New road money for District 69

Jefferson County	\$758,609	Jennings County	\$724,575
Brooksborg	\$1,744	North Vernon	\$68,365
DuPont	\$6,895	Vernon	\$5,295
Hanover	\$40,982	Jackson County	\$1 million
Madison	\$147,810	Seymour	\$195,599

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House publications available

The following publications can be requested free of charge from my Statehouse office by calling toll-free 1-800-382-9842:

Relax . . . -- This informational booklet for senior citizens discusses a variety of issues, from taxes to health problems to leisure activities.

Higher Education -- A 24-page publication for those interested in pursuing a higher education degree, detailing many Indiana colleges and universities as well as occupational and vocational schools.

Guide to State Agencies -- This booklet details various agencies within Indiana state government, listing phone numbers, functions and general areas of responsibility for each of the state agencies.

Hoosier Fun and Facts -- Designed for elementary school-aged children, this information and activity book teaches students about their state through a combination of text, puzzles and other educational activities.

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Please check the address label on this mailing for accuracy. If there are any errors or if you are receiving duplicate mailings, please contact my office at 1-800-382-9842. Every effort will be made to correct the mistake.

I appreciate your assistance in keeping the mailing list updated. This will ultimately result in more efficient delivery and substantial savings to taxpayers across the state.

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State Tourism	1-800-289-6646
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Department of Education . .	317-232-6611
Department of Health	317-233-1325
Family & Social Services . .	317-233-4454

Rep. Lytle votes to
protect consumers, children

Telephone solicitation -- House Enrolled Act 1434 imposes stricter regulations on professional solicitors and fundraisers while protecting telephone customers.

The act requires a professional solicitor to disclose several items to the attorney general, including the portion of a contribution that goes to the solicitor and the portion that actually goes to the charity.

It also requires professional solicitors to disclose many of those items at the beginning of each call, including the name of the company and the phone number and address of the location from which the call is being made.

Child Custody -- Courts may now give equal consideration to long-term guardians such as grandparents or relatives other than parents when awarding custody of a child if it is in the best interest of the child. Currently, courts must place priority on placing a child with his or her parents.

Autistic Children --The State Department of Health will extend additional care, services and materials to autistic children less than 21 years of age. This will assure that autistic children will receive the same

assistance as children with special health care needs.

Mental Health Insurance Parity -- Legislation was enacted to ensure that any health coverage plan offering mental illness benefits must have similar treatment limitations and financial requirements as other medical conditions.

HMOs -- House Enrolled Act 1309 establishes an external procedure for grievances against HMOs. The act would require the Indiana Department of Insurance to hear grievances filed by individuals who have been denied services by an HMO.

The review would allow a physician who specializes in the treatment in question rather than a general practitioner or other physician to determine whether the patient should receive the requested services. Furthermore, the bill has provisions to ensure the review is done in a timely fashion. In life-threatening cases, the review will take place within five days.

This act provides a less costly and less time-consuming procedure for HMO grievance review. The independent reviews would be paid for by HMOs except for a \$25 filing fee paid for by the consumer.